

day, the President jetted off to Michigan to campaign for tax increases, instead of staying in Washington to work on a possible plan.

With a national debt of over \$16 trillion, Washington's out-of-control spending is placing our national security at risk. Clearly, spending is the threat, with an increase of 93.5 percent over 10 years and revenues increased only 15.7 percent. Raising taxes on the American economy will destroy jobs.

Reports have indicated that raising taxes on the top 2 percent will generate up to \$80 billion a year. This amount of money covers less than 10 percent of our Nation's annual deficits. It's my hope that the President will address the fiscal cliff to work with House Republicans to promote small business job growth.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

WORKING TOWARD BIPARTISAN SOLUTIONS

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise because the fiscal cliff is upon us. And one thing that I know is clear in talking to my constituents, time and time again, they're looking for solutions to the problems that we face. I believe that the solutions that are out there aren't going to come from one party or the other party; they're going to come from us working together, forging a bipartisan solution to the problems that we face. And I hope that we can go bigger than what is simply asked of us.

Mr. Speaker, one of the great pleasures of being here is to be able to work with good friends, and I want to thank my good friend STEVE LATOURETTE for his leadership and JIM COOPER as well for the thought of putting together the Cooper-LaTourette budget based on Simpson-Bowles, that talks about a solution that really helps us get our entitlements under control, helps raise revenues, and puts a solution on the table.

So today, I'm asking my colleagues to join with me to try to make sure that together we put a bipartisan solution on the table. And I want to thank my good friend, STEVE LATOURETTE, for his leadership, and JIM COOPER as well.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I thank the Speaker this afternoon, and I am grateful for the words, the prayer that was offered about light, both of inspiration and collaboration.

I think there are bipartisan voices crying out for an acceptance of a tax cut on 98 percent of the American peo-

ple. That is why the President went to Michigan, to speak to working men and women, to be able to reaffirm their voices that were spoken so loudly on November 6. Let us have a tax cut that will impact 98 percent of the American people and businesses. And let us collaboratively work together for the steps going forward.

But let me be very clear. Having spoken to physicians yesterday in meetings in hospitals, you cannot raise the eligibility rate of Medicare recipients. It just will not work. You cannot judge a person's physical condition between 65 and 67. That is not the way to balance the budget and reduce the deficit. We know that entitlements, Social Security, is not the issue. Pass the tax cuts on 98 percent, Mr. Speaker, and work collaboratively in 2013 to find a pathway forward to make this economy the growing economy that it has begun to be. I ask my colleagues, let's work together.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 11, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*The Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 11, 2012 at 11:08 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3187.

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 612.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, December 7, 2012:

H.R. 6156, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YODER) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-700) on the resolution (H. Res. 827) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 272, nays 102, answered "present" 3, not voting 54, as follows:

[Roll No. 620]

YEAS—272

Ackerman	Carney	Farr
Aderholt	Carson (IN)	Fattah
Alexander	Carter	Fincher
Amodi	Cassidy	Flake
Austria	Castor (FL)	Fleischmann
Bachus	Chabot	Fleming
Barber	Chaffetz	Forbes
Barletta	Chu	Fortenberry
Barrow	Cicilline	Franks (AZ)
Barton (TX)	Clarke (MI)	Frelinghuysen
Bass (NH)	Clarke (NY)	Fudge
Berg	Clay	Garamendi
Berkley	Cleaver	Gerlach
Berman	Clyburn	Goodlatte
Biggart	Coble	Gowdy
Bilirakis	Cohen	Granger
Bishop (GA)	Cole	Green, Al
Bishop (UT)	Conaway	Grimm
Blackburn	Connolly (VA)	Guthrie
Blumenauer	Cooper	Hahn
Bonamici	Courtney	Hall
Bonner	Crenshaw	Hanabusa
Bono Mack	Crowley	Harper
Boswell	Cuellar	Harris
Boustany	Davis (CA)	Hartzler
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Hayworth
Braley (IA)	DeGette	Heinrich
Brooks	DeLauro	Hensarling
Broun (GA)	DelBene	Herger
Brown (FL)	Dent	Higgins
Buchanan	DesJarlais	Himes
Bucshon	Diaz-Balart	Hinchee
Buerkle	Dingell	Hinojosa
Butterfield	Doggett	Hirono
Calvert	Dreier	Hochul
Camp	Duncan (SC)	Holt
Campbell	Duncan (TN)	Huelskamp
Canseco	Edwards	Huizenga (MI)
Cantor	Ellmers	Hultgren
Capito	Emerson	Hunter
Capps	Engel	Hurt
Carnahan	Eshoo	Israel